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DIRECTOR

MINUTES

Lansing Central MVTF Office
Lansing, Michigan

March 3, 2015
10:41 a.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairman John E. James, present
Vice Chairman Charles Kosal, present
Trustee Jason Biber, excused
Trustee Robert Williams, present
Trustee Barry Wood, present
Trustee Shawn Wilson, present
Trustee Brandi McBride, present

Lindell Holm, *Director*
Mary Kay Robinson, *Financial Supervisor*
Dawn Bollis, *Dept. Analysis*
Tom Diaz, *Dept. Tech*

Chairman John James called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

Ms. Robinson stated that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

Introduction of Guests

Woodrow Tyler, Defined Contribution, Trusts & Agency Divisions, Department of Treasury
Lan Chen, Department of Treasury

Public Comments

Mr. Tyler and Ms. Chen discussed the Trust Fund investments and the projected earnings the fund will make in Fiscal Year 2015.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Wood/Williams) to approve the Public Minutes, of February 3, 2015, passed and carried.

Appeals & Reviews - Reconsideration

There was one personal hearing conducted at the March 3, 2015 emergent need work session. A total of 28 appeals and reviews were considered.

Case A-1 (Wayne County)

DENIED (Kosal/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$3,373.16; for 2010 property taxes (\$1,648.73), heat and electric (\$1,060.72) and water/sewer (\$663.71). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a grant is not approved as sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s) and the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-2 (Oakland County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,355.48; for heating gas (\$978.56) and auto payment (\$376.92). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his/her financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance also has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-3 (Chippewa County)

APPROVED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application authorizing no more than \$320.00 for firewood.

Case A-4 (Oakland County)

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent rent and utilities (\$2,000.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a grant is not approved as sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s). Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-5 (Oakland County)

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for DTE electric (\$490.03). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her financial responsibilities. The applicant's financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-6 (Ingham County)

APPROVED (Kosal/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application authorizing no more than \$4,124.00 for the Treatment Plan dated February 23, 2015 from the University of Michigan's School of Dentistry.

Case RR-7 (Mackinac County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for wood (\$1,600.00). The Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and determined that you situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-8 (Manistee County)

DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for auto parts (\$2,584.83). The Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his/her financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-9 (Macomb County)

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle purchase (\$3,892.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-10 (Wayne County)

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for 2012 property taxes (\$1,655.73). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RR-11 (Wayne County)

DENIED (Kosal/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for rent (\$1,217.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his/her financial responsibilities. The financial statement also revealed that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RM-12 (Huron County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for dental work (\$9,800.00). A grant is not approved to cover the cost of the requested dental procedure because a medical emergency or health problems that actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated.

Case A-13 (St. Clair County)

DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,940.36; for rent (\$1,632.00) and electric (\$308.36). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-14 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for dental extractions and dentures (\$2,530.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A grant is not approved to cover the cost of the requested dental procedure because a medical emergency or health problem that actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated.

Case RM-15 (Kent County)

RESOLVED @ COUNTY LEVEL

Case RM-16 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for delinquent patient co-pay (\$844.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case RH-17 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED (Kosal/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$4,014.62; for heat/electric (\$1,377.46) and mortgage (\$2,637.16). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RC-18 (Iron County)

WITHDRAWN

Case RH-19 (Houghton County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$15,843.17; 2012 property taxes (\$8,658.42) and 2013 property taxes (\$7,184.75). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RH-20 (Ogemaw County)

APPROVED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application authorizing no more than \$4,055.00 for a new water well.

Case A-21 (Oakland County)

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$11,729.21; for mortgage (\$9,320.83) and auto payments (\$2,408.38). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Also, a grant is not approved because it appears that your application may be fraudulent. An investigation has been initiated to determine its validity. You are encouraged to cooperate with County or U.S. Postal Service investigators should they attempt to contact you.

Case A-22 (Oakland County)

DENIED (McBride/Kosal)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,378.14; for rent (\$862.00), heat (\$419.14) and electric (\$97.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his/her financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-23 (Cass County)

MOVED TO APRIL MEETING

Case A-24 (Ingham County)

WITHDRAWN

Case A-25 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED (Kosal/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,681.59; for heat/electric (\$782.07) and rent (\$899.52). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his/her financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RR-26 (Mecosta County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for electric (\$955.14). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RH-27 (Manistee County)

DENIED (Williams/Wilson)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for a new boiler (\$4,940.00). The Board of Trustees have reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating financial emergency.

Case RH-28 (Houghton County)

DENIED (Wilson/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for a new boiler (\$4,550.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income. The financial statement also reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved was 3/28 for **\$8,499.00**. Approved 2/16 Appeals for **(\$4,444.00)**, 1/5 Review/Housing for **(\$4,055.00)**, 0/3 Review/Medical for **(\$0.00)**, 0/1 Review/Conflict of Interest for **(\$0.00)**, 0/3 Review/Repetitive for **(\$0.00)** and 0/0 Review/Other for **(\$0.00)**.

Accounting Report

Trustees discussed the monthly reports received from Treasury.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

COMMITTEE	AMOUNT INVOLVED	DESCRIPTION OF ERROR	RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION
Houghton County	\$456.86	Administrative error for eligibility	Waive Repayment

A MOTION (Wood/Kosal) to accept the recommendation to waive repayment on the administrative error, passed and carried

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (Kosal/Wood) to accept the following appointments and reappointments, passed and carried.

The **American Legion** recommends the following **new appointment**:

Name	County	Term of Service
Montcalm	Montcalm – IND	12-31-2017

The **American Legion** recommends the following **reappointments**:

Name	County	Term of Service
William Huhnke	Benzie	12-31-2017
Leo Hoag	Branch	12-31-2016
Robert Lackie	Isabella – IND	12-31-2017
Larry Boyce	Ogemaw	12-31-2015
Tom Sheppard	Oscoda/Roscommon – IND	12-31-2015

The **DAV** recommends the following **new appointment**:

Name	County	Term of Service
Robert Sherwood	Shiawassee	12-31-2016

The **VFW** recommends the following **new appointments**:

Name	County	Term of Service
Thomas Serino	Otsego	12-31-2017
Douglas Webb	Montmorency	12-31-2016

The **VFW** recommends the following **reappointments**:

Name	County	Term of Service
Alfred Borchers	Crawford	12-31-2016
Winston LeFebvre	Iosco	12-31-2016
Dennis Brozak	Iron	12-31-2016

The **AMVETS** recommends the following **new appointment**:

Name	County	Term of Service
Rod Sanford	Lenawee	12-31-2017

The **AMVETS** recommends the following **reappointment**:

Name	County	Term of Service
Dave Woodman	Lake	12-31-2017

Please accept the following new appointment of an Independent member:

Name	County	Term of Service
Gary Duehring	Shiawassee	12-31-2017

Please accept Rick Minard of Luce County to be the new Authorized Agent. No administration cost will be incurred.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

MVTF Board Activities

None

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that the agreement they have with Community Health will be starting in the near future and that the ending date was extended to March 2016 due to the delay in project.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he will be meeting with the House Appropriation Committee on Thursday, March 5th to discuss the Trust Fund.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he will be meeting with Representative Diandra to discuss MVTF cases in Houghton County.

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None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 pm

Approved:

John James, Chairman

Date